†290. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
MS. SUSHILATIRIYA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of fertilizers imported by Government this year with details thereof;

(b) the quantity, of fertilizers in lakh tonnes reached to Kandla and Mundra ports and the dates thereof;

(c) whether Govermment have decided to increase the use of fertilizers and thereby increase the production of Rabi crops;

(d) the quantity of urea, DAP and MOP in tonnes that was lying dumped at Kandla and Mundra ports till October, 2006;

(e) the details of arrangements made by Govemment to distribute the fertilizers to the farmers; and

"(f) by when the said consignment of fertilizers would be delivered to the farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) Fertilizers other than Urea are imported under Open General Licence (OGL). The import of urea is permitted only through State Trading Enterprises and import for direct agriculture use is made on Government account. Imports of all other fertilizers are allowed freely. However, Government maintains a buffer stock of DAP through its buffer stocking agency. The month-wise details of Urea, DAP and MOP imported during the year 2006-07 up to 31.10.2006 is as under:—

Quantity in lakh MT

Month	Urea	DAP	MOP	Total
Apr-06	2.79	0.59	0.43	3.81
May-06	2.31	2.37	0.23	4.91
Jun-06	2.23	3.17	—	5.51
Jul-06	3.07	3.35	0.76	7.42
Aug-06	4.01	4.79	1.66	10.55
Sep-06	4.13	3.56	5.51	13.02
Oct-06	4.81	4.14	7.59	16.54
TOTAL;	23.44	21.97	16.18	61.94

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(b) The month-wise details of quantity importsd at Kandla and Mundra port during the year 2006-07 up to 31.10.2006 is as under:—

Details of fertilizers imported at Kandla and Mundra ports up to 31.10.2006

(Quantity in Iakh MT)

Months	Kandla					Mundra			
	Urea	DAP	MOP	MAP	Total	Urea	DAP	MOP	Total
Apr-06			0.22		0.22	1.35			1.35
May-06		0.61			0.61	0.63	0.48		1.11
Jun-06		0.31			0.31	0.60	1.51		2.11
Jul-06		0.79		0.47	1.26	0.66	2.37		3.03
Aug-06	055	1.23		0.64	2.42		1.18		1.18
Sep-06	0.48	0.75	0.59	0.22	2.04		1.43	1.12	2.56
Oct-06	0.37	1.30	0.94	0.20	2.81	1.20	1.65		2.86
TOTAL:	1.40	4.99	1.75	1.53	9.67	4.44	8.62	1.12	14.18

(c)Govemment assess the demand/requirement of major fertilizers namely Urea, DAP and MOP in the beginning of each crop season *i.e.* Kharif and Rabi in consultation with State Governments to facilitate the adequate availability of fertilizers. The demand assessed for Rabi 2006-0,7 is urea 127.09 lakh MT, DAP 48.19 iakh MT and MOP 18.58 lakh MT. The assessed requirement is higher by 6.02%, 8.09% and 23.88% for Urea DAP and MOP respectively than the assessed requirement of Rabi 2005-06.

(d)The quantity of Urea, DAP and MOP lying at Kandla and Mundra ports as on 31.10.2006 was as under:—

Product	Qty in MT -	
	Kandla	Mundra
Urea	63518	119771
DAP	63693	206336
MOP	5604	69868

(e) and (f) Department of fertilizers, in close coordination with Railways and Department of Shipping, is monitoring the day to day despatches of fertilizers from all major ports including Kandla and Mundra to ensure timely availability of fertilizers to the farmers.